Europa League Champions!

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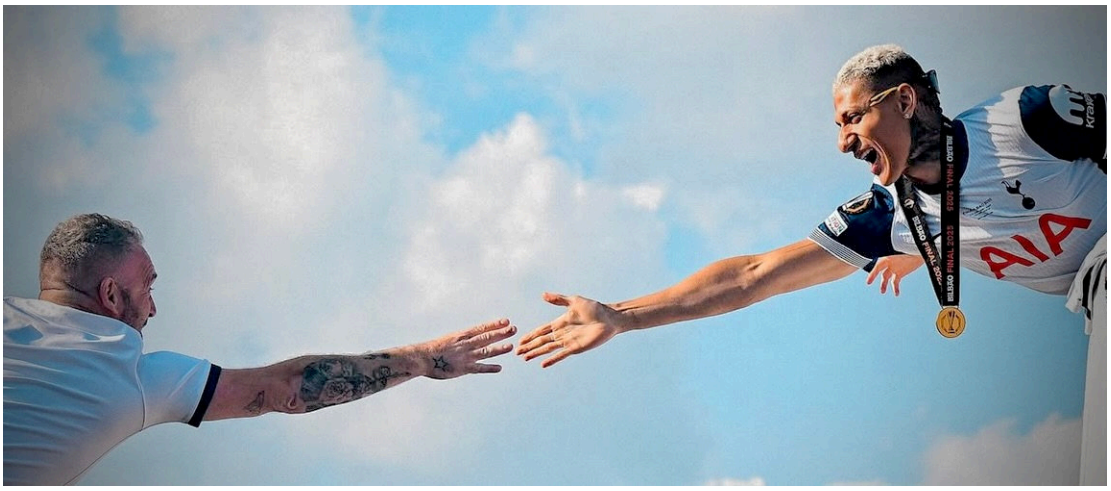
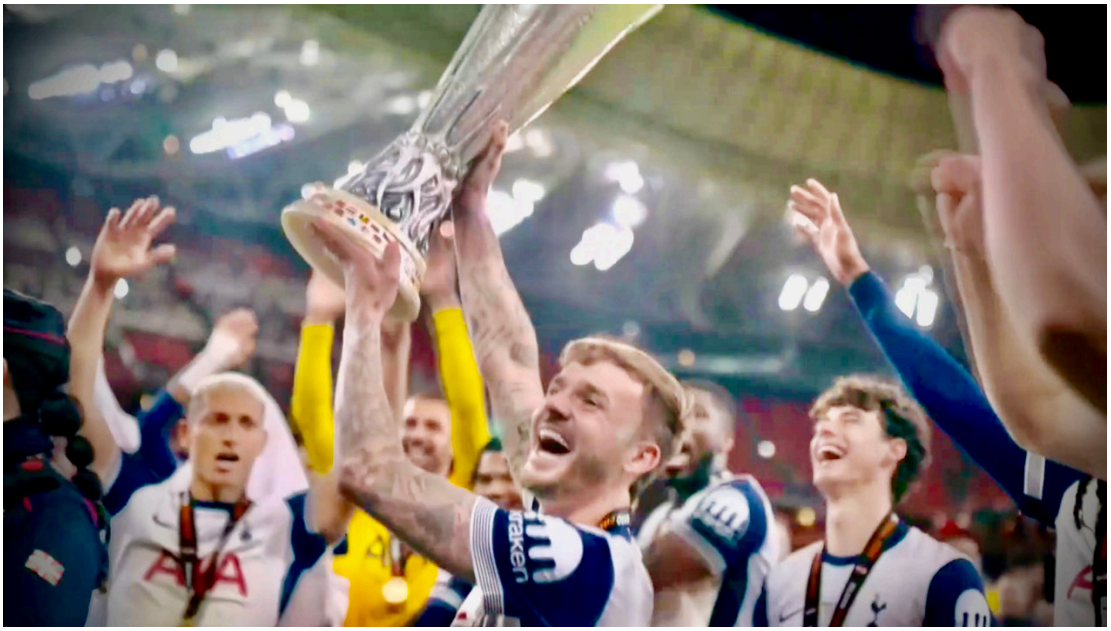


Since our last update, it's been an eventful period in European football, with domestic titles being determined (*at least, those still hanging in the balance*), along with some of the more region-wide titles. One of the more elite competitions that draws from across the European leagues is that of the appropriately titled Europa League. A step down from the highly celebrated Champions League, the Europa League final was played on May 21st between Manchester United and my Tottenham Hotspur, with the latter seemingly inexplicably prevailing 1-0 to take home the title. The victory ensured an automatic bid into next season's Champions League and also put a somewhat rosier finish on what was otherwise a very confusing and disappointing domestic season in the Premier League. For now though, I'll just try to enjoy this still quite important trophy—the club's first piece of silverware in 17 seasons.



The post-match celebration had everyone taking their turn holding the much-coveted trophy, as the number of injuries in the squad throughout the season meant that everyone's fingerprints were a part of its success. And, speaking of fingerprints, that brings us to the first of this upload's new items—a couple of contemporary medals from the British Art Medal Society…

This issue from 1996, Hazel White's "And Then She Made The Lasses, O" features a rather distinct, hand-sculpted design, with impressions of the artist's fingers and hand overtly displayed across each side. Making it that much more intriguing is the fact that, given its overall shape and structure at the bottom, it can stand freely upon its own. Meanwhile, another issue, Lucy Willow's 2002 entry "Dreams of a Dying Moth" also feature's the artist's personal touch, with her fingerprint forming the resting point upon which the moth perches…

Other highlights include those below, touching upon some of our more popular themes like Art Deco, Wiener architectural, papal medals, and World War I issues with spectacular toning…

FRANCE. Télégraphie sans Fil [Radio] Art Deco bronze Medal. Issued 1927. The emergence of wireless or radio communication (99mm, 401.40 g). By Paul-Marcel Dammann at the Paris mint.

SPAIN. Toledo. Primate Cathedral of St. Maria bronze Medal. Issued 1865. Issues paralleling the Most Remarkable Edifices of Europe series. By Charles Wiener in Brussels.

ITALY. Vatican City. Pope Pius XII silver Medal. Issued 1949/Year XI. Commemorating the defense of the Catholic faith against communism. By Aurelio Mistruzzi at the Rome mint.

GERMANY. Kronprinz Wilhelm silver Medal. Issued 1914. World War I series: Longwy and the Battle of Ardennes. By Ludwig Christian Lauer in Nürnberg. **PCGS SP-62**.

GERMANY. Generalleutnant Erich Ludendorff silver Medal. Issued 1914. World War I series: "Germany's unshakable will." By Ludwig Christian Lauer in Nürnberg. **PCGS SP-62**.

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